



# Bristol Bay Native Corporation

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## **BBNC Submits Request to EPA to Protect Bristol Bay Resources**

*Anchorage, AK* – Bristol Bay Native Corporation submitted a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency requesting that EPA use its authority under Section 404(c) of the Clean Water Act to carefully tailor a prohibition on the discharge of dredged or fill material from the proposed Pebble mine. BBNC has taken this action because it believes the proposed Pebble mine presents unacceptable risks to BBNC resources and its shareholders' way of life. Section 404(c) can eliminate this risk, while allowing for responsible resource development in the Bristol Bay region. As envisioned by BBNC, the prohibition would be limited to specific land owned by the State of Alaska at the headwaters of the Kvichak and Nushagak River drainages in Southwest Alaska.

BBNC is committed to the protection and responsible care of the resources of the Bristol Bay region. BBNC opposes the development of the proposed Pebble mine project given the unquantifiable and irreparable impacts the project could have on the natural resources of the Bristol Bay region.

"BBNC has been a company committed to responsible development for nearly 40 years," said Jason Metrokin, BBNC President and CEO. "With Section 404(c), we recognized the opportunity to be proactive and specific in our opposition to Pebble mine, and this is one part of a broader implementation of our corporation's commitment to protecting the sustainable natural resources in Bristol Bay and further sustainable economic development."

"BBNC supports responsible economic development in the region that is consistent with BBNC shareholder values. This action expresses the corporation's continued emphasis on the proper protection of resources in the Bristol Bay region," said Joseph L. Chythlook, Chairman of the Board of Directors.

**About BBNC:** Bristol Bay Native Corporation is one of 13 Regional Corporations formed under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971. The corporation is a diversified company with investment and business holdings in a stock portfolio and card lock fueling, corrosion inspection, environmental engineering and remediation, oilfield and environmental cleanup, construction and government contracting services.

The corporation has more than 8,600 Eskimo, Aleut, and Athabascan shareholders with ancestral ties to the Bristol Bay region. More information can be found at [www.bbnc.net](http://www.bbnc.net).

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